

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment conforms the specification and the pending claims to customary United States practice.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled and rewritten as new claims 21-40 in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to bring the claims into conformance with standard United States patent practice.

An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as a separately typed page to be inserted after the claims.

Examination and allowance of claims 21-40 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

**Amended page 1, first section heading**

[DESCRIPTIVE MEMORY.]

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**